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Patterson proposes school-funding license plates

LANSING – In an effort to find money for school districts around the state, Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, has introduced legislation creating a school-funding license plate.

“These plates have been available in other states for years and we can certainly learn from them,” Patterson said. “It is simple, straightforward, and gives people the opportunity to do something positive to help out. Complaining won't get our schools money the state doesn't have; we've got to pitch in and do something creative. People will be proud to have these plates. It is positive action for education.”

Senate Bill 349 was introduced Tuesday by Patterson with nine co-sponsors. Proceeds from the sale of these plates will go to the School Aid Fund. This fund provides \$12.5 billion dollars annually to schools for their operation.

“I am confident that the school districts in Western Wayne County will support this proposal,” said Patterson.

The Secretary of State is charged with the duty of coming up with an appropriate design, including the phrase, “I support better education.”

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